

David Hislop QC



Call: 1979

Silk: 2010

Email: d.hislop@doughtystreet.co.uk

Profile

An extensive career has allowed him to achieve expertise in a number of areas from murder and terrorism to the fine arts of fraud, cross border crime, money laundering and regulatory work.

His stellar 2019 with three consecutive acquittals for murder: **R v Jason Needham** (Oxford CC); **R v Nyeila** (Central Criminal Court); **R v Daniel Fox** (No.3) (Maidstone CC) has continued in to 2020 with his recent successful application to dismiss a charge of murder: **R v Yusuf Yusuf** (Central Criminal Court) and a Not Guilty Verdict in just over an hour by the Jury in a one punch manslaughter case in **R v Mohammed Metowli**.

Known to have a particular expertise in the area of pathology and DNA. Popular with clients, he is known for his industry and ability to scythe through vast mountains of paperwork drilling down to the real issues in a case. His reputation is a persuasive jury advocate with “*...a preparedness to defend the indefensible and win...*”. He is regularly ranked in the Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners.

"A superb tactician who fights to the end." - **Legal 500 2020, Crime**

"He is a wonderful lawyer. He is hugely charismatic, massively persuasive and devastatingly effective. Nothing is impossible with David on your side." - **Legal 500 2021, Crime**

Education

LLB (Auckland University)

Diploma, National Institute Trial Advocacy (Denver University, Colorado)

Advanced Diploma, National Institute Trial Advocacy (Hofstra University, New York)

Related practice areas

Criminal Law and Appeals

Business Crime and Investigations

Homicide and Related Grave Offences

David is already a highly regarded Silk in this area and nine years into Silk is ranked by Chambers & Partners. Cases include: Street killings/ Murder - 2019: R v Solomon & Ors, R v Fox (No.3); R v Jason Needham; R v Nyeila; 2018: R v Woodward & Ors; R v Fox (No. 2); R v White & Ors; 2017- Sex Ring/ Grooming/ Rape: R v Khan & Ors; R v Rahim & Ors; R v Morgan & Ors (2015); R v King (2015). Double murder R v Lundy (2015); R v Boswell (2014) – Murder R v Jamar Graham & Anor [2013] - Murder (**Read More**); R v Jennifer Creasy & Ors [2013] - Murder, Perverting the Course of Justice (**Read More**) and R v Andrew Parsons [2013] - Murder (**Read More**) – R v Renata Sode -Baby shaking; (**Read More**); R v Jovan Roberts & Co (2013) – Joint Enterprise Murder (**Read More**) the killing of his wife in front of his four year old son - R v Andrew Parsons [2013] - Murder (**Read More**); R v Freaney the allegation was that Freaney murdered his partner during a bedroom domestic argument. Freaney alleged that death occurred by accident during a sex game (**Read More**); R v Satpal Kaur-Singh -Murder [2011] the defendant fed her autistic son bleach (**Read More**); R v Davda – Manslaughter [2011] the defendant stabbed her daughter several times before turning the knife on herself (**Read More**); Drugs related killings: R v Peters & Ors [2010]; R v Laguda & Anor - Murder [2010] - R v Houston & Ors [2011] (**Read More**);

Business Crime and Investigations

David is a senior member of our Business Crime and Investigations Team and is a recognised specialist in white-collar crime. He has extensive trial experience in cases of Serious Fraud, Money Laundering, MTIC fraud, Insider Trading and Banking Fraud. He has recently trained officers from the National Crime Agency in aspects of money laundering and expert evidence. He has had notable successes in defending those charged with money laundering offences including most famously one of the Meghrabi brothers in the notorious Operation Aroof; 2017: **R v Moore & Ors** (Share fraud)

Criminal Appeals

David regularly appears for Appellants in the Court of Appeal both on matters of conviction and sentence. Recent notable successes in the Court of Appeal include: **R v Seeveratnam & Ors**: S was convicted of murder in 2002, the then trial counsel (QC) advised that there was no grounds of appeal. David Hislop QC was instructed to give a second opinion. Counsel advised that there were grounds of appeal. The murder conviction was over turned in the Court of Appeal and a retrial was granted. Counsel conducted the retrial. S was acquitted of murder but found guilty of manslaughter. Counsel advised that an appeal should be lodged. On appeal to the Court of Appeal the manslaughter conviction was over turned. Other notably cases in the Court of Appeal: **R v Rahim & Ors** (2018) Rape & Grooming; **R v Joyce & Anor** (2017) Diminished Responsibility; **R v Johnson & Ors** (2017) Joint Enterprise; **R v Hasnat** (2013) – Rape – Fresh Evidence; **R v Manzoor** (2013) – Firearms; **R v Semaj** (2012) – Murder – Fresh Evidence; **R v Al-Soltan & Al-Fahad** - Murder [2010]; Attorney General's Reference 50 of 2009 **R v Haslam** (Jonathan); **R v Shirley** (John Roy) [2009]; **R v Biggs** - Child Cruelty [2009]; **R v Kearns** - Rape [2009]; **R v Xhepmetaj** – Rape [2009]. **R v Lundy** - Privy Council - (2013) appeal of double murder appeal (**Read More**). Privy Council described the case for the Appellant to be "closely and persuasively argued."

Publications

The author of the Fraud section on West Laws On-Line Encyclopedia for several years. He was a contributing author to The Practitioners Guide to the Law and Regulation of Financial Crime providing specialist chapters on Bribery and Corruption and Search Warrants and Production Orders. He has also authored a number of specialist articles on money laundering, banks, SARs and their customers, restraint orders, consumer protection legislation and insider trading.